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Subject: **COMPUTERS STOLEN FROM DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) had three computer security incidents between the periods of April 10 to April 14, 2008, at their headquarters located at 695 South Vermont Avenue. A total of three laptop computers and a workstation were stolen. None of the stolen computers had electronic private health information records and the laptop computers were encrypted with the County's encryption software.

Staff from the Auditor-Controller's Office of County Investigations, DMH and the Chief Information Office (CIO) have identified and will be implementing security safeguards by this Friday in an effort to prevent future incidents. Additionally, DMH management will issue a memorandum to its employees stating what has transpired and the actions that are being taken.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please call me at (213) 974-2008, or e-mail at [rsanchez@cio.lacounty.gov](mailto:rsanchez@cio.lacounty.gov). Alternatively, you may contact Robert Pittman, Acting Chief Information Security Officer, at (562) 940-2724, or e-mail at [rpittman@cio.lacounty.gov](mailto:rpittman@cio.lacounty.gov).

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